



## DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Practitioner's Docket No. 02208-1

PATENT

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY****(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL,  
CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is for an original application.

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**

METHOD FOR LEVELING AND COATING A SUBSTRATE AND AN ARTICLE FORMED THEREBY

**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification was filed on April 11, 2001, as Serial No. 09/833,036.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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**PATENT**

For: U.S. Rights and Foreign Rights  
For: U.S. Application  
By: Inventors

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNORS of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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hereby sell, assign and transfer to

**ASSIGNEE:**  
METALBOND TECHNOLOGIES, LLC  
20701 West Liberty Road  
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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR LEVELING AND COATING A SUBSTRATE AND AN ARTICLE FORMED THEREBY**

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. Section 3.21) U.S. application no. 09/833,036 filed on April 11, 2001 and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

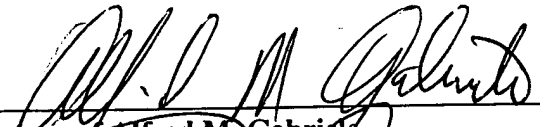
ASSIGNORS hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

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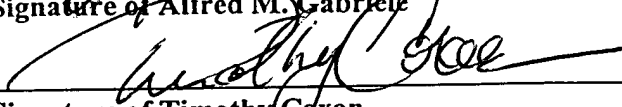
proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

Date: OCT. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

  
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Signature of Alfred M. Gabriele

Date: OCT. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001

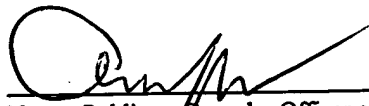
  
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Signature of Timothy Coxon

#### NOTARIZATION OR LEGALIZATION ACCOMPANYING ASSIGNMENT

Details of Country  
and place of signing of assignment

US  
STATE OF MARYLAND  
COUNTY OF BALTIMORE


Before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001, personally appeared the above named ALFRED M. GABRIELE, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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Before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001, personally appeared the above named TIMOTHY COXON, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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DB THIN FILMS, LLC  
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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest for the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

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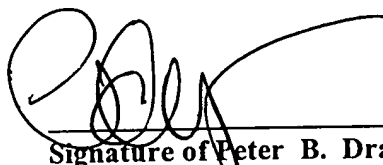
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any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001

Date: 10/16/01

  
Signature of Peter B. Dragone

Date: 10/16/01

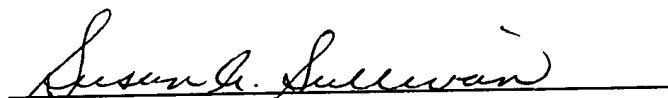
  
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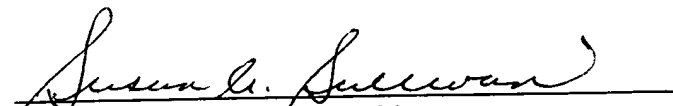
Before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001, personally appeared the above named PETER B. DRAGONE, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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Before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2001, personally appeared the above named JACOB AVISSAR, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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